

Friday, 04 April 2014

Welcome to the Pittsburgh Chapter

Congratulations to our education team for a well run and highly attended PMP Prep course through February and March. I appreciated the opportunity to engage with all of the PMPs-in-training, as a member of our volunteer instructor team. This gave me a chance to review and update my knowledge on effective Stakeholder Management – the new chapter in the PMBoK Fifth Edition – and it's always a pleasure to teach an interested and motivated group of people. I was also reminded of the rigor of the PMP process, and gained renewed appreciation for the professionalism and dedication of our members, who strive to use and advance effective project management practices on a daily basis.

As you'll see in our newsletter, we have some great events coming over the next few weeks, both professional and social. I encourage you to read through and discover opportunities to develop your skills and your network, and to have some fun too.

Please stay in touch with the members of our leadership team and let us know what you like about the chapter, and also any of your suggestions for how we can improve project management in our region. Welcome to our new members, and congratulations to our new credential holders.

Welcome to Spring!

Matt

Meetings

2014 April Chapter Presentation

When: Thursday, April 10, 2014, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Topic: Project Managers: How You Can Benefit From Working with the CSO

Presented by: David C. Brown

Location: ESWP, 337 Fourth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

[Register here](#)

Presentation: Understanding the roles, pressures, and responsibilities of your CSO will help you, the PM to enhance cooperation and minimize conflict within your organization, leading to

project success.

Topics that will be discussed:

- 1.Understanding the CSO's World
- 2.Some Security Terms You Should Know
- 3.How You can Benefit From Working with the CSO

Abstract: David Brown is the founder of Business Complete Solutions, a consulting company that is based on Dave's new methods of helping businesses to transform business analysis, Information Security, and compliance expertise into exceptional business improvement outcomes. Dave is a certified PMP and Information Security professional with more than 30 years of industry experience.

Professional Development

Pittsburgh PMI has great project management educational opportunities! Please check www.PittsburghPMI.org periodically for more details and to register for these events. (The following training information is subject to change.)

Information below in the Professional Development section of this newsletter follows:

- PMP Preparation Class 2014
- Lee Lambert, Stakeholder Management Workshop, June 18th
- Planning Agile Course, Tentatively Summer 2014
- PMP/CAPM Certification Study Group
- Agile PMI-ACP Certification Study Group
- Future Project Management Training in 2014
- Professional Development Day (PDD)2014
- Social Media Posting of Pittsburgh PMI Training Information

PMP Preparation Class 2014

The 2014 Pittsburgh PMI, PMP Prep Class is complete! The overall feedback was very positive. Good Luck / Good Skill to those who are now finishing their study for the PMP Exam.

Thanks go to the instructors and volunteers as follows:

- Matt Craig
- Joe DiFalco
- Sam Jackendoff
- Carol Kacinko
- Susan Keaney
- Fred Koos
- Peter Koranchie-Boah
- Leonora Koranchie-Boah

- Heather Kulbacki
- Paul Miller
- Cynthia Nielson
- Peggy Stack
- Dorice Tharp
- Brian Trossman
- Joe Zanella

Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org for information on being an instructor for a future PMP review class?

Thank you Ansaldo STS for being a great sponsor!



Lee Lambert, Stakeholder Management Workshop, June 18th.

You won't want to miss this!

The Lambert Consulting Group is holding a workshop on Stakeholder Management in Pittsburgh (Verona) on June 18th.

Lee always gives great seminars! As a result of his extensive contributions, he was awarded PMI Fellow status in 2009!

For details and to register see:

<http://www.lambertconsultinggroup.com>

For a PMI discount use code word "PMI".

Planning Agile Course, Tentatively Summer 2014

Pittsburgh PMI is planning another world-class Agile course. Valuable methodologies and tools will be covered to enhance your performance as a project manager. This will also be a step towards being a PMI Agile Certified Practitioner.

More information will follow in upcoming newsletters and at www.PittsburghPMI.org.

PMP/CAPM Certification Study Group

Complement PMP certification training with our live and online study group. This is a self-organized study group enabled by the Pittsburgh PMI Chapter.

Being “self-organized” we are looking for participants and facilitators for our succession plan.

PMP Volunteers are needed to answer questions during PMP Study Group sessions.

Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org to be a leader, participate or volunteer as a PMP.

Agile PMI-ACP Certification Study Group

We will be starting Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP) study group in April. This is modeled after the PMP Study Group above. We have interested participants and will be setting the dates to meet on WebEx.

Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org join this PMI-ACP Self-Organized Study Group.

Future Project Management Training in 2014

Please reply to FredBKoos@IEEE.org with suggestions for additional training offered by our Pittsburgh PMI Chapter for 2014.

Professional Development Day (PDD) 2014

Save the date for the 2014 PDD planned for the first Wednesday of November (each year) 5 November 2014.

Social Media Posting of Pittsburgh PMI Training Information

In addition to training information being posted on www.PittsburghPMI.org, information is often posted at the following social media locations.

- LinkedIn Group: Pittsburgh PMI
- Facebook: Project Management Institute-Pittsburgh Chapter
- Twitter: @PittsburghPMI (use hashtag #PitPMI for related tweets)

Other useful Twitter handles to follow are below.

- Twitter for our IT LIG: @Pgh_PMI_IT_LIG
- Twitter for PMI: @PMInstitute
- @Fred_Koos for tweets related to our events

Enjoy!

Outreach

2013 Pittsburgh PMI Company of the Year

And the winner is.... Summa!! Congratulations!

Jim Huber, Director of Corporate Outreach, presented the winner at the March Chapter meeting. 4 companies applied for the 2013 award; BNY Mellon, PNC Bank, Summa and Westinghouse. Summa won the award and presented on their best practices, a day in the life of a PM at Summa and Agile. The presentation is available under the chapter Monthly Meetings/Chapter Meetings/Presentations tab of the website.





We are looking for volunteers to craft the questions for the 2014 Project Management Company of the Year award application. Please contact Jim Huber at james.huber@pnc.com if you are interested to be on this committee.

Outreach Events

Coffee Talks: Training with Caffeine

Attention early birds, come to a "Coffee Talk" session. These sessions will focus on communication and interpersonal skills. Free coffee and tea will be provided.

Upcoming South Hills Coffee

This is a free networking event that gives you one PDU and a Coffee!

Register now, our last Coffee Talk event sold out in less than 2 hours from the email reminder.

The next "Coffee Talk" session will be on in the South Hills.

When: April 23, 2014 at 6:30 AM-7:30 AM.

Where: Kings Restaurant (3049 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017)

Topic: "Professional Use of Social Media for Networking"; Presenter Diane Mastramico, PMP

You must [register here](#) via the PittsburghPMI.org event calendar. Please contact Alan Bachmann at AABachmann@cvty.com for more information.

Click [here](#) for the link for directions.

Networking Mixer: Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

The PMI Pittsburgh Chapter is excited to once again hold our annual Pirates Tailgating

Networking Mixer. This year we will be watching the Pirates take on the St. Louis Cardinals. Registration is now closed, and we thank everyone that is planning on joining us. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Date: Saturday, May 10th Time: 4:30 PM

Location: PNC Park - 115 Federal Street, Pittsburgh, PA 1521

<http://pittsburgh.pirates.mlb.com>

This is more than just a game. We will begin tailgating at 4:30 PM. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and refreshments will be provided by PMI for every person. So come Hungry!

This is also an excellent opportunity to network and have fun with fellow PMI Pittsburgh members.

Program Details:

- Arrive at 4:30 PM
- Tailgate begins at 4:30 PM to 5:45 PM (Lot across the street from Allegheny Center Parking Garage - location map attached)

Tailgating location is about 2 blocks north of PNC Park. At the intersection of Federal Street and South Commons. Located on the East side of the intersection.

- Tickets will be handed out at the Tailgate. If not attending the Tailgate, your tickets will be at the Will Call Window (beside Home Plate), at 6:30pm.
- First Pitch at 7:05 PM
- Zambelli Fireworks will immediately follow the game!

Registration is now closed. - No walk-ins can be accommodated. Look forward to seeing everyone at the game! Contact: Jason McMann, PMP @ Jason.McMann@ADP.com for any questions.

Lessons Learned Roundtable Discussion – Past Event Update

Four times a year, the Outreach Committee looks to provide Project Managers with shared knowledge of past experiences from other Project Managers. Our program is called the Lessons Learned Round Table discussions. These quarterly meetings are scheduled at various locations throughout the Pittsburgh area. Our meetings are designed to allow those in attendance to share their insight on their own past experiences on various projects.

When: Wednesday, March 19th, 2014, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Topic: Lesson Learned Tools and Techniques across industries

Location: Westinghouse Electric Company, 1000 Westinghouse Drive, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

The meeting went very well. Our host Lee Guo opened by introducing Westinghouse, the nuclear industry, lessons learned in nuclear industry and the tools at Westinghouse used to track them.

The remainder of the time was an open forum with a number of people sharing experience, lessons learned, best practices, root cause analysis, quality and performance measurement methods from financial, Health Care, IT, transportation, and Power and Energy industries.

All in attendance are a little wiser and 1 PDU richer. If you would like to host a future event at your company, please contact gpolens@gmail.com. The host's preparation time for the event does earn additional PDUs.

Corporate Outreach

2014 Made In PA Expo – Volunteers Needed

Look for the PMI Pittsburgh booth at the 2014 Made in PA Expo.

Dates: April 21 – 23, 2014

Location: Monroeville Convention Center

It is an opportunity for the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter to gain visibility with other Pennsylvania firms and professional organizations. This year's Expo also promises "how to do business" seminars for attendees. We are looking for chapter volunteers to staff the booth in shifts during the 3 day Expo. Please contact Anne Monroe at annemonroe44410@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer and earn some PDUs.

Academic Outreach

Duquesne University – Student PMA Intramural Project Management Quiz Bowl - Past Event Update March 25, 2014

On March 17, 2014, Duquesne University Professor, Dr. Kathleen Hartzel, PhD, CAPM, requested the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter's support to deliver/conduct an individual competition that would provide her project management students a similar experience of competing in an Intercollegiate Project Management Triathlon (IPMT) which, unfortunately, was cancelled for this year. PMI Pittsburgh Chapter Academic Outreach accepted Dr. Hartzel's request and immediately went into action to create and deliver the Duquesne University Intramural Project Management Quiz Bowl (IPMQB), which was scheduled to occur a week later on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., including up to 36 students/competitors.

IPMT Quiz Bowl Team Lead, Anne Monroe, PMP, assembled the following PMI Pittsburgh Chapter Volunteers to prepare the IPMQB Questions & Answers (Q&A) from the IPMT Q&A Bank as well as to serve as Judges, Scorekeepers, Timekeeper, Buzzer-keeper, and Moderator for the this impromptu IPMQB event:

- Peter Zenz, PMP – Q&A Bank
- Lauren Dahl, CAPM – Q&A Bank

- Chris Walker, PMP – Judge
- Anne Monroe, PMP – Quiz Bowl Lead & Judge
- Ed Monroe – Scorekeeper
- Christine Peterson, PMP – Scorekeeper
- Jim Porter, PMP – Timekeeper
- David Chzaszcz, PMP – Buzzer-keeper
- Sam Provil, PMP – Q&A Bank Lead & Moderator

The IPMQB was conducted similar to an IPMT Individual Quiz Bowl competition, with the exception of having only four initial single-elimination rounds, with up to 9 competitors in each round. Individuals having the top two scores from each initial round advanced to the final round. Following are the final results of the Duquesne University Students' IPMQB presented at Rockwell Hall on March 25, 2014:

1st Place – James Dunn

2nd Place – Kerry Creehan

3rd Place – Anna Nosal

4th Place – Madison Bobish

5th Place – Danielle Ecker

In summary, the IPMQB was a very satisfying success for all involved and, especially, proved to be both an exciting and fun learning experience for the participating Duquesne University Students. Many kudos and thanks to all of the above listed PMI Pittsburgh Chapter Volunteers. Congratulations on a project well done!

Membership

Your Chapter Needs You!

Contribute to the Pittsburgh Chapter, increase your professional network and get to know others involved in your profession. PMPs can earn valuable PDU's in addition to making a contribution to the Project Management Profession! Volunteers and Operational Team members earn up to 5 PDUs per year and elected officers earn up to 10 PDUs a Year. Check out the [chapter website](#) for more details...

New Chapter Credentials

As of March 28, 2014 the chapter has 1,436 members. Please join us in welcoming the following new chapter members:

James Alderton, Hannah Bartrug, William Bates IV, Teresa Bender, Robert Bowman, Cynthia Brown, Shyam Dhanvada, Tracy Evilsizer, Dwayne Kirkland, Paul Kuntz, Matthew Maletestinic, Michael Malkin, Mac McQuiston, Mark Mechler, Randy Monroe, Niraj Prabhu, Matthew Puskar, Stephen Quinlan, Philip Simonetti, Kaushik Sivasubramanian, Nicholas Stebick, David Tomas, Susan Van Scoyoc, Gerald Welch, Jennifer Williams, Lakshmi

Narasimhan Yeri Ranganathan

New Chapter PMPs

As of March 28, 2014 the chapter has 1,021 credentials in the membership (PMP®, CAPM®, PMI-RMP®, PMI-ACP®, PGMP®). Please join us in congratulating the following new members that received a new credential:

Christopher Georgevich PMI_ACP, Manslow PMP

Contacts

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